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FOOTBALL QUARTER FINAL!

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 boys competed against a school from Eastleigh in the **Hampshire Quarter-finals!** The boys played with determination, enthusiasm and resilience and really tried their best. They didn't win, sadly, but it was a great effort and we are very proud of them. Well done boys - **Elijah M, Rafferty H, Finley N, Art S, Fraser M, Hugo C, Jake S, Adam W, William G** A big thank you to all the parents who went along to support them and to Coach James.



NEW LEGISLATION - RECYCLING

From 31st March we have to follow new laws relating to recycling and food waste. Under the new recycling legislation, we will be required to separate our dry recycling and food waste from general waste. With this in mind, if your child brings in a packed lunch, they will now bring **all** their waste home with them. This is to help us ensure that our waste is separated correctly and also gives you the opportunity to see what your child is eating from their packed lunches. We will be introducing these changes to the children during whole school messages next week, please help us to reinforce the law by asking your child about it.



RHS SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
2.30PM TO 4.00PM



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Free to enter, with monetary prizes. (NB Children may also enter any adult open classes but fees apply.) All exhibits must be made by the child themselves. Adults may supervise as appropriate but not be "hands on". If the judge suspects adult intervention, the item will be marked down.

Prize money is awarded in Children's Classes only:

1st = £5 2nd = £2 3rd = £1

Design & Create

Under 7s: A handmade Mothering Sunday Card

7-12 years: A handmade Mothering Sunday Card

Grow

Under 7s: A Cress Head

7-12 years: A Cress Head

instructions - <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Activity/Make-a-cress-head>

Cookery

Under 7's: Three Chocolate Crispie or Cornflake Cakes

7-12 years: Three Easter Bunny shaped Biscuits.

More details online at: https://www.ropleyhs.org.uk/spring_show.htm

See the poster on page 5

BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT WANTED!

Our extended day provision continues to grow and we have more children than ever before at breakfast club. We are looking for a 3rd person, on a long term casual basis, for an average of 3 mornings over 5. Working 7.30am to 8.45am, previous experience is not essential, however **reliability, enthusiasm, initiative and an ability to interact with children** is! Our dedicated breakfast club team will be there to guide you in the morning tasks required. We will let you know each week what days are required the following week. Pay is set at £12.60 per hour and the role may suit a college student who or someone who is looking to earn a little extra income! Call us on 01962 772381 for information.

BEE RECOGNISED



In our Bee Book and in Celebration Worship this week the following children were recognised:

Bumblebees: *Ernie DH* for amazing learning in English this week. He has enjoyed learning about Jack and the Beanstalk and made a brilliant storyboard using drawings to retell the story.

Roo C for making super progress in phonics. He engages well in reading tasks and remembers to use a capital letter and full stop correctly when completing the 'hold a sentence' task. Well done!

Gwensea W and Ted F for brilliant learning in maths. They were able to use cubes to add numbers together and are beginning to work out the answers to sums by counting on in their heads!

Honey Bees: *Jago M and Rosa W* for working really hard on their handwriting, you have both slowed down and taken a lot of time and effort and as a result your writing looks beautiful. Well done!

Carpenter Bees: *All of Year 2* for bee-ing such fantastic writers this week. They have taken their time to plan and write fabulous guidebooks. They have written thoughtfully, applying every skill they have learnt in their learning journey to produce some fabulous writing. They should all be very proud of themselves!

Year 3: *Anna H* for writing a fabulous report about her own created hybrid animal. She worked super hard and wrote some fantastic sub-headings.

Ted H, Rosie R and Arthur T for their maths this week. They worked super hard and very nicely with the person next to them. Most of all, they presented their work beautifully, well done!

Year 4: *William M, Jacob McH and Beau Y* for excellent effort and input during our English work, particularly with collective nouns. You thought carefully and applied your prior knowledge to help you name lots of animal groups. Well done!

Year 5: In Year 5 maths, we have been mastering how decimals and fractions can show the same amount. *Celia M and Elsie S* have done a fantastic job grasping this independently. *Micky N and Alexis R* also deserve a mention for their industrious problem solving in maths. Well done.

In our writing of rainforest settings, *James S* has shown huge determination and has made so much progress. Well done!

Year 6: *All of Year 6* for their fantastic effort in English and Maths this week. Their Mars Rover explanations were detailed, informative and delightful to read.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS BOARD!

Last Sunday, the Alresford Hornets played a rugby tournament in Winchester. It was a long day and they all played exceptionally well and scored lots of tries between them. Included in the teams were *Freddie B, Oliver H, Lucas R, Teddy M, Henry R and Arthur T*. Great effort and teamwork boys!

Willow S for her brilliant results in Eventing recently!

Mckenna F for her achievements in dance!

Isla M for achieving her Level 2 in swimming!

Grace W for her brilliant skiing results in her race!

Sophie R for achieving her Level 4 in swimming!

Samuel P for achieving his Level 5 in swimming!

James S for brilliant results in afterschool football!

Millie P for achieving her Grade 3 in gymnastics!

Flissy J for great teamwork at Hampshire Bush Craft!

Phoebe H for achieving her Grade 1 in gymnastics!

Henry T for scoring lots of tries in the under 7's rugby!

Nancy T for her shapework in gymnastics!

Nikolas M for achieving his Level 5 in swimming!

Beau Y for achieving a Merit in modern ballet and classical ballet

Amelia N for always doing the right thing in gymnastics club!

Eleanor H a special award in Women's Artistic Gymnastics!

Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week:

Eva McC

Lucy I

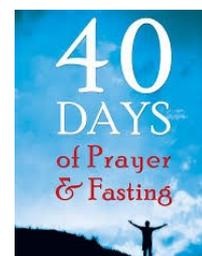
Celia M

Olive H

If you would like to donate a book, or something else, for your child's birthday, the link to our wish list is:

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>

During Worship this week, the children learnt more about Lent and the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. At the end of the 40 days, Jesus was tempted by the Devil. The children considered all of the ways that they can be distracted from doing the right thing and how they can ask God to help them make the right choices. They thought about how they can support and help others to make the right choices too.



Design a 'welcome flag' competition Taylor Wimpey Alresford Down

Taylor Wimpey would like to invite pupils at Ropley Church of England Primary School to design a 'welcome' flag that will take pride of place at the entrance of its new housing development **Alresford Down** on Sun Lane, New Alresford.

The winning design will be produced into a flag that will fly at the entrance to the development to welcome prospective customers to the new development.

Junior designers' brief:

- **A3 piece** of white paper for your design (paper available from school reception if required)
- **Portrait** orientation
- Keep your design **simple, big and bold**
- All designs should make use of solid colours
- Use of full colour is permitted and encouraged
- Please include the new development name '**Alresford Down**'

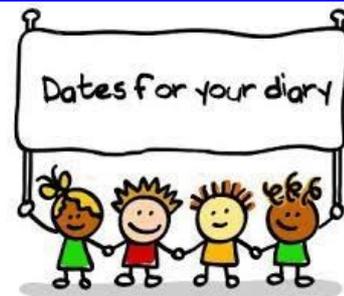
The winning flag design will be flown six metres high, so your design must be visually strong and bold enough to be seen from a distance. The winner will also receive a £50 Amazon voucher.

The deadline for entries is Monday 31st March 2025 at 4pm. Please ensure posters are left with Mrs Howling at reception.

The logo for Taylor Wimpey, with 'Taylor' in a red serif font and 'Wimpey' in a dark blue serif font.

SPRING TERM 2024/25

Tues 18th Mar	Parents Evening, 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wed 19th Mar	Parents Evening, 3.30pm to 6.30pm Dodgeball Competition, Years 5 & 6, Eggars School, 3.45pm
Fri 21st Mar	Comic Relief Day
Tues 25th Mar	Year 3 Listen2Me Performance to Parents, 11am Year 5 & 6 Handball Tournament, 3.30pm
Fri 28th Mar	Women's Appreciation Day
Sat 29th Mar	Ropley Horticultural Society Spring Show, 2.30pm to 4.00pm. See poster on page 5
Mon 31st Mar	School Nurses National Child Measurement Programme - Spring Born Year R
Tues 1st April	Year 3 & 4 Tennis Festival at Eggars, 3.30pm
Wed 2nd April	Free Dress Day in return for cakes!
Thur 3rd April	School Easter Fundraiser, 3.15pm - 4.45pm Nectar Class Fundraiser - Jumble Sale, 3.15pm
Fri 4th Apr	Easter Service at St Peter's, 9.30am. All parents welcome. Easter Egg Hunt for all children during the afternoon End of Spring Term



SUMMER TERM 2024/25

Tue 22nd Apr	Return to School for Summer Term
Wed 30th Apr	Honeycomb Class—River Arle Study
Thurs 1st May	Bumblebee Visit to Newhouse Farm, Alresford
Mon 5th May	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Tues 6th May	Nectar Class—River Arle Study
Mon 12th May	SATs Week starts - Year 6
Tues 13th May	School Nurses National Child Measurement Programme—Summer Born Year R
Mon 19th May	Beekeeper Class—River Arle Study
Fri 23rd May	End of Summer Half Term 1
Mon 26th May	Ropley Pram Race, 10.30am to 12 noon at the Rec
Mon 2nd June	INSET Day
Tue 3rd June	Return to School for Summer 2
Tue 10th June	School Nurses Vision Screening - Autumn and Spring Born Year R
Fri 13th June	Class Photos
Wed 18th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Trip Years 3, 4 and 5 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Fri 20th June	Fire Visit Years 2 and 5
Mon 23rd June	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Thur 26th June	Hampshire Sport Festival - 10 Children
Fri 27th June	Sports Day
Fri 4th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 15th July	School Nurses Vision Screening - Summer Born Year R
Mon 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Party, 3.15pm
Tues 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service at St Peter's, 10.30am

Spring Show

Saturday 29th March

Ropley Parish Hall

2:30 – 4:00

Entry Free



Children's Classes

Design & Create

- 34. Under 7s: A handmade Mothering Sunday Card
- 35. 7-12 years: A handmade Mothering Sunday Card

Grow

- 36. Under 7s: A Cross Head
- 37. 7-12 years: A Cross Head

Instructions - <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Activity/Make-a-cross-head>

Cookery

- 38. Under 7s: Three Chocolate Crispie or Cornflake Cakes
- 39. 7-12 years: Three Easter Bunny shaped Biscuits.

Details online - https://www.ropleyhs.org.uk/spring_show.htm

Prizes - First £5, Second £2, Third £1

Entry Forms available in the Courtyard Shop or online
https://www.ropleyhs.org.uk/spring_show.htm

Easter Holiday Tennis - Four Marks Recreation Ground

We are pleased to be partnering with Absolute Tennis to offer tennis sessions over the upcoming Easter holidays.

You can book individual days or all four at a discounted rate. Sessions are run by LTA qualified coaches and open to children aged 4-11 years old.

For more information / book, simply follow the relevant link below.

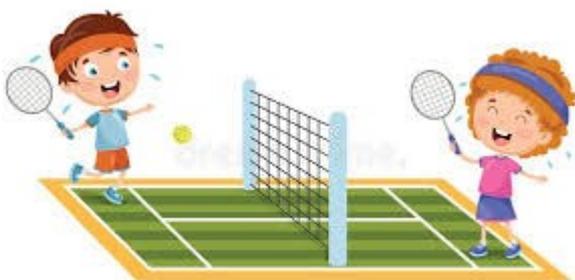
Children 4-7 years old

<https://absolutetennis.classforkids.io/camp/123>

Children 8-11 years old

<https://absolutetennis.classforkids.io/camp/124>

If you would like individual coaching,
email martin@absolutetennis.co.uk to make an enquiry.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

GET EXPERT HELP

If your child *does* start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is an experienced gamer, teacher and athlete. He is Course Leader for the BTEC Esports programme at Salisbury Sixth Form College. Nathan has more than 10 years' experience working in schools and colleges, and holds a Masters degree in Sport Psychology.



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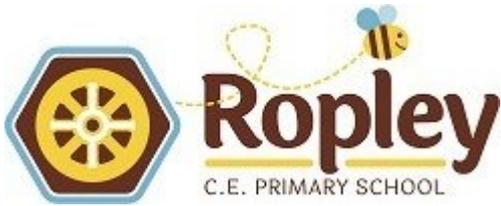


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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1480 per child per academic year**